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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 12, 2003, the claims of Group VI (Claims 46-72) drawn to secure communications using a trusted third party are elected for prosecution with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

It is requested that the separation of Claims 46-72 and Claims 112-122 into separate groups be reconsidered in that the method recited in Claims 46-72 and Claims 112-122 respectively, are both drawn to secure communications using a trusted third party. Accordingly, it is requested that Claims 112-122 be examined with the elected Claims 46-72.

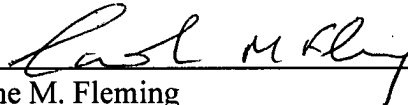
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